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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Mar-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 03/12/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/05/05
BRO-FRY	165,098	163,044
LT HENS	1,761	1,488
HVY HENS	1,327	1,449

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 05-Mar-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	324	0	324
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	315	0	315
Same week yr ago	78	0	78
To-date/2005	2,871	4	2,875
To-date/2004	1,993	28	2,021

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,871	1,451	3,322
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,826	1,477	3,303
Same week yr ago	1,207	1,250	2,457
To-date/2005	15,686	11,606	27,292
To-date/2004	13,386	11,509	24,895

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 05-Mar-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	160,095	1,547	1,451	2,998
Avg Wt	5.24	3.35	8.01	5.61
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	156,421	1,511	1,477	2,988
Same wk yr ago	153,459	1,129	1,250	2,379
Avg Wt	5.41	3.22	7.80	5.63
To-date/2005	1,411,064	12,815	11,602	24,417
To-date/2004	1,379,453	11,393	11,481	22,874

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.0 million head or 1.0 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-05

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	27,994	20,402	50,222
Avg Weight	3.67	4.75	6.39
% of total /1	28%	21%	51%
 Last week	 29,133	 22,573	 48,384
Avg Weight	3.56	4.71	6.33
% of total /1	29%	23%	48%
 Same week, yr ago /2	 30,710	 21,166	 49,163
Avg Weight	3.61	4.78	6.31
% of total /1	30%	21%	49%
 To date/2005	 207,897	 168,420	 381,323
To date/2004	201,555	170,426	333,927

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 05-Mar-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,466	2,470	25	0	3,961
Avg Wt	16.43	38.34	26.53	0.00	30.16
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,473	2,441	32	0	3,946
Same wk yr ago	1,729	2,515	73	24	4,341
Avg Wt	15.38	35.86	26.17	30.35	27.51
To-date/2005	13,699	22,543	267	32	36,541
To-date/2004	15,197	21,991	353	81	37,622

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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